

Addictive & Mental Disorders Division (AMDD)
Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders
Monthly Status Report – March 2007

Co-Occurring Policy Team

- New Policy Team members were welcomed during the March 28th meeting. Those members include: David Cockrell & Tara Weller – consumers and Eric Higginbotham – DPHHS Director's Office.
- Lou & Scott presented to members for review & discussion the Program Licensing Rules. The draft outlines the proposed Co-occurring Capable Endorsement Guidelines.
- Members provided input on technical assistance needs for the Policy Team during the July Minkoff/Cline visit.
- The next scheduled meeting will be with Minkoff/Cline on July 11th or 12th in Helena.

Training/Presentations

- The monthly case clinical review with Ken Minkoff was held March 15th with the Kalispell PACT team.

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- Finalized the agenda for the Policy Team & Change Agent meeting scheduled for March 27th & March 28th;
- Reviewed Draft Co-Occurring Capable Endorsement Guidelines. The draft document was developed by the Program Licensing Work Group and is ready for feedback;
- Coordinated the April case consultation call with Ken Minkoff; and
- Continued discussion of how COST is evaluating system, provider and administrative issues which need to be addressed to assure screening policies are implemented and results are reported.

Change Agent/Active Work Group Reports:

- **Data Work Group**

An informal discussion took place with Jeff Harrison, Ken Taylor and Eric Higginbotham to review the transition of work group leadership to Eric as Jeff will be leaving DPHHS. The items for discussion at the next Data work group include data collected from MMIS system regarding cost variations between clients that are SDMI, CD and Co-Occurring. Also, baseline data collected regarding number and percentage of individuals served by CD providers who have co-occurring disorders. The next work group is scheduled in May.

- **Cultural Competency Work Group**

The cultural competency work group met on March 11th to draft and forward language to the Program Licensing work group regarding culturally competent language to be included in the Co-Occurring Capable Endorsement Guidelines.

- **Regional/Local Change Agents**

- **Western Regional COD meeting** was held at the Kalispell Regional Hospital on March 8th. Emery Jones facilitated the meeting with 16 participants in attendance. The group identified challenges to system wide change and possible solution. Agencies in attendance identified agency and community goals. The regional meetings will continue on a quarterly basis.
- **Eastern Regional COD meeting** was held March 1st with 6 members in attendance. The group reviewed the Eastern Regional Action Plan. Items in need of attention included the need to submit the completed CODECAT summary and analysis to Helena. Group member plan on attending both the Policy Team & Change Agent meeting in Helena during the month of March.
- **Central Regional meeting** is looking at putting together training for the Central region, in particular for those folks in the Great Northern parts of the Central area to bring new members up to speed and to help others were needed. The group is looking at either Great Falls or Havre as the training location. Volunteers to assist are welcomed.